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THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" (*a*) 10 wells.

" (*b*) Near the Harijan quarters the number is 5, and near the caste Hindu quarters 5."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" In view of the fact that the Harijans will have to pay contribution if the construction of wells is taken up under the Rural Welfare Scheme, will the Government consider the desirability of issuing a specific instruction to the Collectors to sanction the construction of drinking water wells under the Rural Water-supply Scheme? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" I am speaking on behalf of the Rural Welfare Department. On behalf of this department, instructions have already been given that facilities should be given to Harijan quarters. As a matter of fact, instructions have been given to the effect that in regard to drinking water wells, care should be taken to see that separate wells for Harijans and other communities are not constructed as they are likely to perpetuate the caste distinction and that ordinarily no new well should be dug within a distance of one furlong from an existing public well, unless there be any compelling reasons such as shortness in supply in the existing wells and that in any case nothing should be done which would tend to accentuate caste distinctions. As far as possible, the needs of the Harijans are met in this respect."

Sri Soundareswaraswamy temple at Kamarasavalli.

* 854 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any complaint, dated 10th February 1953, from the villagers of Kamarasavalli regarding the mismanagement of Sri Soundareswaraswami temple at Kamarasavalli; and

(*b*) the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Construction of a road connecting the Payyannoor-Pulingom road with Coorg.

* 855 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether there is any proposal with the Government to construct a road connecting the Payyannoor-Pulingom road in North Malabar with Coorg?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" There is no such proposal."